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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM ALLIS-CHALMERS CHAIRMAN SCOTT

REF: DAMASCUS 2780

FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM DAVID SCOTT TO  
AMBASSADOR: QUOTE: WE ARE MOST PLEASED WITH YOUR REACTION  
TO OUR PROPOSED VISIT TO DAMASCUS AUGUST 6-9 AND APPRECIATE  
VERY MUCH THE INITIATIVES YOU HAVE TAKEN IN OUR BEHALF.  
APPOINTMENTS WITH THE MINISTERS NAMED IN YOUR MESSAGE ABOVE  
WILL INDEED GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SYRIAN  
REQUIREMENTS VIS-A-VIS ALLIS-CHALMERS CAPABILITIES WITH  
THE KEY PEOPLE.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATIONS FOR LUNCH  
AND DINNER ON 7 AUGUST AND WILL LEAVE TO YOUR GOOD JUDG-  
MENT THE DECISION AS TO INVITED GUESTS. IN THIS CONNEC-  
TION, I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HOST A LUNCHEON OR DINNER  
OR BOTH ON THE 8TH OF AUGUST FOR YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR  
STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS OF  
SYRIA IF YOU AGREE THAT THIS IS FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE.

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OUR PARTY PLANS TO ARRIVE DAMASCUS APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M.  
ON 6 AUGUST. WE WILL BE TRAVELING BY CHARTERED AIR-  
CRAFT OWNED AND OPERATED BY JET AVIATION COMPANY OF BASIL,  
SWITZERLAND. PARTY WILL DEPART MORNING OF 9 AUGUST

ENROUTE TO TEHRAN, IRAN. WE HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS AT THE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL BUT IN VIEW OF TIGHT SITUATION THERE, WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ONE OF YOUR STAFF COULD FURTHER CHECK OUR RESERVATIONS WITH THE HOTEL. WE HAVE ALSO ARRANGED FOR GROUND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PARTY THROUGH MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES.

I TRUST THAT WE WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF ON 8 AUGUST TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIOLOGICAL SITUATIONS IN COUNTRY AND TO GAIN THE BENEFIT OF YOUR INSIGHTS AND ADVICE ON DOING BUSINESS IN SYRIA.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST AND YOUR GREAT ASSISTANCE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON 7 AUGUST. DAVID C. SCOTT. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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